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BLACK HEBREW LEADER PROMISES RESISTANCE TO EXPULSION

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[Excerpt] We will oppose our expulsion even if the army is sent against us. We will not send our children back to captivity in America, said the leader of the Black Hebrew sect Ben-'Ami Carter, in reaction to the interior minister's decision to reject the Glass committee recommendations, our correspondent in the South Yaron Enosh reports.

[Begin recording] [Enosh] The decision by the interior minister to turn down the Glass committee recommendations aroused considerable bitterness among the Black Hebrew sect in Dimona. Although the sect members continued repairing the apartments that were given to them in the abandoned absorption center, their leader Ben-'Ami Carter made strong statements against the minister's words.

[Carter] I am really disappointed to hear this. I am disappointed for two reasons. One is that Knesset member [as heard] Yosef Burg can react like this and continue blaming us for crimes, as he did 10 years ago. The other is that he does everything except giving us a chance to prove ourselves, to show that we have really moderated our attitude.

[Enosh] Ben-'Ami Carter added that he does not believe that the Black Hebrews can do anything to convince the government that they are not a negative factor in Israel. However, the sect members will not consent to a decision to expel them and will even oppose it with all the means at their disposal.

[Carter] Certainly, we can agree to anything except to expulsion. We will not allow anybody to expel [words indistinct]. They can, they really can send the army against us, to murder us all. I do not doubt this. But to send our children back to the U.S. captivity, no we will not volunteer to do this. We will consent to anything else, but we will not accept this.

[Enosh] Ben-'Ami Carter added: We prefer to die in Israel than to return to the United States. As mentioned, these were the words of the leader of the Black Hebrews. [end recording]

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